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Transportation and Communications Committee

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, City of San Gabriel. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry	City of San Gabriel
Beauman, John	City of Brea
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
DeYoung, Cathryn	City of Laguna Niguel
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Herrera, Carol	City of Diamond Bar
Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowenthal, Bonnie	City of Long Beach
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
Moqet, Shenna	Riverside, WRCOG
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Pettis, Greg	Cathedral City
Ridgeway, Tod	City of Newport Beach
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Smith, Greg	City of Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Szerlip, Don	South Bay Cities COG
Talbot, Paul	City of Alhambra
Tyler, Sidney	City of Pasadena
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

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**Members Not Present**

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Buckley, Tom	City of Lake Elsinore
Burke, Yvonne	City of Los Angeles
Correa, Lou	Orange County
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forrest
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
George, Gary	City of Redlands
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Lowe, Robin	City of Hemet/RCTC
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Miller, Paul	City of Simi Valley
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smyth, Cameron	City of Santa Clarita
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	City of Long Beach

**New Members**

**Voting Members, Not Elected Official**

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach, announced the upcoming SCAG Southern California Energy Conference to be held on from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Metropolitan Water District.

Councilmember David Margrave, City of South Pasadena, stated he wanted to make it clear that the City of South Pasadena had not endorsed the Resolution of support for the continued study of the 710 Tunnel Alternative to complete the Gap Closure identified in the 2004 RTP. He also stated that the City of South Pasadena had a Resolution, that has been effect for the past three years, which is in opposition to any tunnel or otherwise. A copy of the Resolution was distributed to the members of the TCC.

**3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE**

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.1 Approval Item**

**4.1.1 Approve Minutes of February 2, 2006**

It was noted that Supervisor Lou Correra, Orange County, was present at the February 2, 2006 meeting and not absent as reflect in the minutes.

Request was made to remove Councilmember John Fasana, City of Duarte, from the committee and replace with Councilmember Enid Joffe, San Gabriel Valley COG.

**4.2 Receive and File**

**4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix**

MOTION was made to MOVE the Consent Calendar items.

Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Resolution of support for continued study of the 710 Tunnel Alternative to complete the Gap Closure identified in the 2004 RTP**

**The item was tabled and carried over to next months meeting.**

**5.2 2006 Regional Champion Award**

Chair Harry Baldwin, City of San Gabriel, stated that SCAG's Communications and Membership Committee had been seeking nominations for the Regional Champion

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from all the committees. Nominees must be a non-elected individual who is a leader in some area of the committee's focus. There were two nominations from the TCC; Richard Steinke, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach and Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles. The committee's nominees will be reported to the RC for ratification by the April meeting. Regional Champions will be honored at the May General Assembly.

The Action Item was brought forward as a dual nomination.

Motion was made to MOVE the item. Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Update on SCAG's Aviation Program**

Michael Armstrong, SCAG, briefed the committee on the status of SCAG's aviation program including the first meeting of the reconstituted Aviation Task Force (ATF). The first meeting included a presentation by Professor Steve Erie, UCSD, on the Regional Airport Management Study and a summary of Mark Pisano's presentation to the LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners regarding SCAG's aviation strategy. An aviation work schedule was also reviewed. The schedule will lead to the adoption of a Draft Aviation Plan for the next RTP. Staff is proposing to have the aviation work completed by July 2007, when the final meeting of the ATF takes place. This should allow ample time to integrate the findings of the aviation work into the Draft RTP.

The aviation plan will also incorporate the results of the air space study which is currently underway that staff hopes to complete by June of this year. The study will look at the capacity of the region's air space basin to accommodate the forecast plan in terms of air space conflicts. Anything that is identified as being unacceptable, or not being able to be resolved, such as a large San Bernardino International Airport being close to the large Ontario Airport (20 miles apart) sharing the same air space may be incompatible. Any such findings will be integrated into the new forecast.

The third meeting of the ATF is scheduled for December 2006. At this meeting staff will review the results of the 2035 forecasting and also the new airport capacity work. The ATF will also review the results of the Regional Airport Management Implementation Study.

The fourth and last meeting of the ATF, scheduled for July 2007, will be to review and approve the draft Regional Aviation Plan and also update the ground access element, which is key to the decentralization strategy. The ground access work will have both short-term and long-term components. The long-term will be the high-

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speed access; the short-term will look at such things as arterial, interchange, and air section improvements, and also have a transit oriented focus.

#### 6.2 SAFETEA-LU Update to JARC and New Freedom Programs

Jeremy Bailey, SCAG, presented an update of the SAFETEA-LU programs: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms and implications for SCAG.

Mr. Bailey stated the programs were significant to SCAG because according to the FTA the MPOs role in their implementation has been modified. MPOs may now take a leading planning and administrative role, as well as develop competitive project selection criteria for these programs.

Staff should have a compliance strategy plan, developed in cooperation with the local CTS's and FTA representatives, in place by October, 2006. This plan is the first of several compliance plans currently being investigated and when all possible alternatives have been compiled, a more comprehensive list of planning options will be presented to the committee.

The New Freedom, 5317, provides formula funding for new public transportation services and alternative for people with disabilities beyond what is required by ADA. Beyond ADA has yet not been defined by the FTA.

JARC, 5316, supports the development and maintenance of job access projects to transport welfare recipients to and from work on non-peak hours as well as supply reverse commute options for workers in suburban cores. JARC has been updated with a new funding allocation formula.

Funds for both JARC and New Freedom are allocated based on a formula that distributes funds to urbanized areas. SCAG is the designated recipient of these funds for five classified urbanized areas in our region. Under JARC/New Freedoms, SCAG competitively selects projects derived from a locally developed coordinate plan. SCAG must develop a participation plan that provides opportunities for comment. The MPO may use 10% of JARC/New Freedom funding for administrative costs. SCAG has scheduled a March meeting with the CTS's and FTA for a continuation and clarification of this process.

#### 6.2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Related to Goods Movement

Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG, gave a status report on efforts to develop a federal/state/local Memorandum Of Understanding related to the environmental impacts of goods movement. Ms. Pfeffer stated that in May of last year there was a workshop held at UCI related to NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act, to talk about how it might be improved. The example that was selected to talk about with respect to NEPA was Goods Movement in Southern California. The result of that

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participation acknowledged the impacts of international trade locally in Southern California.

In June 2005 SCAG staff and CTC staffs were invited back to Washington, D.C., to make presentations to various transportation entities. During these meetings it was agreed to pursue a MOU that would document the intent of federal, state and local agencies to work together on resolving the environmental impacts in Southern California related to goods movement.

In January of this year, staff went back to D.C. and had a very successful set of meetings. As a result, we are now going to work further with EPA Region 9 to work on the MOU. Currently the major focus is on the State. When in D.C., staff was accompanied to a DOT meeting by Eric Swedlund, Governor Schwarzenegger's representative in Washington, who was extremely helpful. He recommended that staff speak directly to some of the Governor's staff in California. Staff is scheduling briefings with Sunnie McPeak and her staff.

One of the aspects of the MOU, from a federal standpoint, is there is a portion of it where staff asks that regional goods movement projects be including in the list of priority transportation projects for coordinated federal agency decision making. A few years ago there was an Executive Order that President Bush issued relating to environmental stewardship and the concept of this was to identify specific transportation projects nationally that were significant enough to not be eligible for not any kind streamlining or short-cut, but for championing through the process for federal environmental review and making sure they were prioritized.

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, stated that staff had two issues that were critical with the MOU. The two issues are the Governor's bond measure and the discussion of an institutional arrangement to implement the goods movement projects.

Mr. Ikhata then asked Mark Pisano, SCAG, to come forward to say a few words on the bond discussions. Mr. Pisano stated that there was the possibility of a bond going on the June ballot. If this happens, the measure needs to be out of the legislature no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. This means that in the next eight days there would be a lot of interest groups coming together with the administration, as well as with the two houses, on how the bond will be structured. In the area of goods movement both the administration and the legislature appear to be agreeable on a total amount in the bonds of approximately 2 billion dollars for infrastructure and 1 billion dollars for mitigation. What the match ratios are, and the distribution process, is still a matter of discussion. Furthermore staff has suggested that with the Governor's proposal, that there be matching funds as part of the allocation process. Under these conditions staff could best achieve a needs based oriented allocation.

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The MOU is limited to planning and environmental work it does not go into security, safety, and other issues. These issues will be addressed within the context of the upcoming RTP and the Regional Comprehensive Plan which will be applicable to anything that happens in the region.

The SCAG President, the CTC Chairs and Executive Directors met in January to discuss an institutional structure for implementation. At that meeting the elected officials directed staff to go ahead to develop the institution arrangement and return to the committee when it is complete. At the February meeting, the commissions and SCAG discussed the institutional arrangement option paper was created and submitted by SCAG. One of the options was for the CTCs and SCAG to form a joint power of authority to do the planning, environmental, and financing option for the goods movement projects and eventually start adding the entities that need to be on the table. To accomplish that staff will expand that option, clarify the scope, and on March 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a joint meeting Executive Director's of the Ports, Executive Directors of CTC's, and SCAG to further discuss the direction this institution will take.

#### **7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT**

Councilmember Lou Bone, City of Tustin, stated that the Maglev Task Force approved the preliminary engineering on the technical report for the potential transit oriented development for the initial operating segment which was presented by Lockheed-Martin. The task force also approved two funding options for the Shanghai Maglev trip to be evaluated by Legal Counsel and the Regional Council. The trip has been postponed to later this Spring. The task force had an update presentation that Mark Pisano, SCAG, gave to LAWA on the Regional Aviation Strategy for the connecting of the regional airports. The March task force meeting has been canceled; the next one will be Thursday, April 13.

#### **8.0 CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Baldwin stated that next week was the ACTA Conference in Washington, D.C. If anyone is interested in attending the annual congressional reception of the California Tea Party on Tuesday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>, let Barbara Dove, SCAG, know so she can RSVP on your behalf and let you know the details.

#### **9.0 STAFF REPORT**

None at this time

#### **10.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT**

None at this time

#### **11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time

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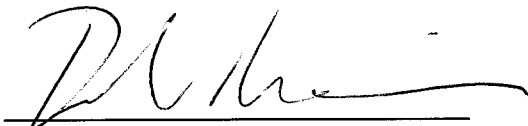
**12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Southwest Compact Task Force is sponsoring a bi-national hearing along with the City of Mexicali on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in Mexicali. The task force would like as many people as possible to join in participation of the hearing on global competitiveness in the Southwest Compact Region.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 8, 2006, at the SCAG office.**



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